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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

I am sending this email in reference to the US Gov't settlement of the Microsoft Antitrust case. My name is Daniel Juliano, and I live in Urbandale, Iowa. I am a Visual Basic programmer for an Insurance company here, which means I spend the bulk of my time programming computer application for various Microsoft environments.

I am not happy with the settlement. It was proven that Microsoft is indeed a monopoly. It is my belief that the settlement will be unable to prevent Microsoft from continuing it's unfair business practices. Have a look at section "IV. Compliance and Enforcement Procedures" subsection "A. Enforcement Authority" in the final ruling. The first part reads:

"The Plaintiffs shall have exclusive responsibility for enforcing this Final Judgment. Without in any way limiting the sovereign enforcement authority of each of the plaintiff States, the plaintiff States shall form a committee to coordinate their enforcement of this Final Judgment. A plaintiff State shall take no action to enforce this Final Judgment without first consulting with the United States and with the plaintiff States' enforcement committee. "

And so on and so forth. The problem with enforcement is it all come down to the courts again. Which means Microsoft has the ability to dispute all claims of infraction, as well as drag out the punishment process. Microsoft loves the fact that it can take years in a courtroom to resolve an issue. By that time, the companies they've mauled have long since gone bankrupt. Can't you see that this is the reason the original antitrust lawsuit took so long in the first place?

The only way to enforce the ruling against a monopoly is to break up the monopoly. The longer you wait, the more Microsoft will claim all of its parts are too closely knit with its operating system. Now is the US Gov't chance to strike, please don't let the taxpaying citizens (remember us, the ones who are paying for the trial?) down.

Thanks,

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